



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Tehachapi District  
15101 Lancaster Road  
Lancaster, CA 93536

**PROJECT TITLE:** New Water Well at ETS-3

**LOCATION:** Providence Mountains SRA

**COUNTY:** San Bernardino

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

State Health Department issued a closure notice of Cooks Well due to the well not meeting current well standards. Cooks well was a 40 foot hand dug well developed in the 1930's before well standards were established and it was never permitted. The proposed project is to drill a new well at site ETS-3 using modern equipment and current well standards. The proposed well site is located at the junction of main entrance road and unnamed service road on the north side of the main entrance road. The footprint of the project site will be 25' x 25', which will be located just north of the main access road. The proposed diameter of the well shaft will be approximately 6" and the well will be approximately 550' deep. The proposed well will be connected to the existing main water line and main electrical line that is located adjacent to the proposed project site.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Tehachapi

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (Section )
- ☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3      Section(s): 15301 15303

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form including measures provided by CDPR staff, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities and §15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. The actions fall under the Departmental List of Exempt activities as established according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Utility repairs or minor upgrades" (Class 1, Section 15301); and
- "Construction or installation of park facilities (Class 3, Section 15303)

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